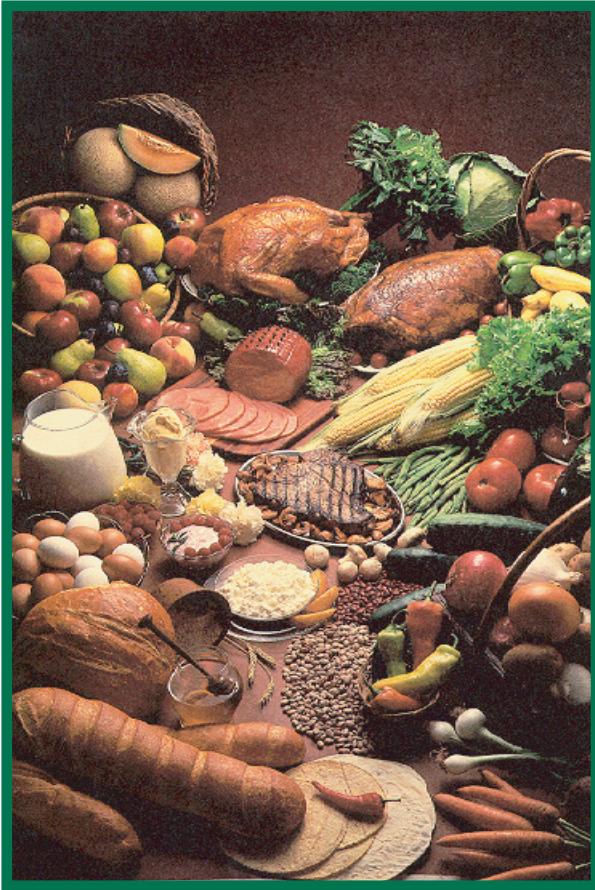


Colorado Agriculture from A to Z



Each year, Colorado produces fresh, high quality products for millions of Colorado residents as well as consumers nationally and internationally. Here are just a few items grown and raised in the Centennial State:

Alfalfa Hay ▶ Alligators
 ▶ Anasazi Beans ▶
 Apples ▶ Apricots ▶
 Barley ▶ Bell Peppers ▶
 Bison ▶ Broccoli ▶
 Cabbage ▶ Canola ▶
 Cantaloupe ▶ Carrots ▶
 Cashmere ▶ Cattle ▶
 Cauliflower ▶ Cherries
 ▶ Chickens ▶ Chili
 Peppers ▶ Christmas
 Trees ▶ Corn ▶
 Cucumbers ▶ Dry Beans
 ▶ Eggs ▶ Elk ▶ Emu ▶
 Flowers ▶ Garlic ▶ Goat
 Cheese ▶ Herbs ▶ Hogs
 ▶ Honey ▶ Horses ▶

Jalapeno Peppers ▶ Kabocha Squash ▶ Kale ▶ Lambs ▶ Lettuce ▶ Milk
 ▶ Milo ▶ Mushrooms ▶ Nectarines ▶ Oats ▶ Okra ▶ Onions ▶ Ostrich
 ▶ Peaches ▶ Pears ▶ Pinto Beans ▶ Plums ▶ Potatoes ▶ Pumpkins ▶
 Quinoa ▶ Rhubarb ▶ Seed ▶ Sheep ▶ Sod ▶ Sorghum ▶ Spinach ▶
 Squash ▶ Striped Bass ▶ Sugar Beets ▶ Sunflowers ▶ Tilapia ▶
 Tomatoes ▶ Trout ▶ Ungulates ▶ Vegetables ▶ Watermelons ▶ Wheat
 ▶ Wine ▶ Wool ▶ Xeriscape Plants ▶ Yaks ▶ Zucchini ▶ and more!



Colorado's Top 10 Farm and Ranch Products for 2007

| | # | Commodity | Cash receipts in millions |
|--|-----|--------------------|------------------------------|
| | 1. | Cattle and Calves | 3,175 |
| | 2. | Dairy Products | 516 |
| | 3. | Wheat | 419 |
| | 4. | Corn, grain | 382 |
| | 5. | Hay | 363 |
| | 6. | Greenhouse/Nursery | 322 |
| | 7. | Poultry/Eggs | 220 |
| | 8. | Hogs | 198 |
| | 9. | Potatoes | 158 |
| | 10. | Sheep and Lambs | 113 |

Quick Facts About Colorado Agriculture

- ▲ Colorado's farm cash receipts for 2007 totaled \$6.3 billion. Livestock products accounted for 68%.
- ▲ Agriculture continues to be a vital part of Colorado's future, providing more than 105,000 jobs, 4.4% of the state's total, and contributing nearly \$16 billion to the state's economy.
- ▲ Colorado farmers and ranchers help to feed the world, exporting nearly \$900 million in products. Mexico, Canada, Japan and Taiwan receive the largest share of Colorado food products.
- ▲ The array of products grown in Colorado is staggering. Farmers have diversified to grow grapes, oats, sunflowers, mushrooms and Anasazi beans. Ranchers also have diversified to raise fish (aquaculture), bison, ostrich, elk and emu.
- ▲ Between 1997 and 2002, 1.2 million acres of ag land was converted to other uses. This acreage is equal to an area 17 miles wide and 109 miles long (about the distance from Denver to Pueblo).
- ▲ To keep up with population growth, between now and 2050, the world must produce as much food as it has in the past 12,000 years.

Top 10 Ag Counties in Colorado

Market Value of Ag Products Sold
(Dollars in Millions)

1. **Weld** 1,128
Cattle and calves, hay, barley, sheep, lambs, eggs, dairy products, dry beans, nursery and greenhouse crops, sugar beets, sunflowers
2. **Yuma** 543
Cattle and calves, corn for grain, hogs and pigs, dairy products, dry beans, oats, wheat, sunflowers, sugar beets
3. **Morgan** 448
Cattle and calves, corn for grain, nursery and greenhouse crops, dairy products, hay, silage, field/grass seeds, sugar beets, millet
4. **Logan** 350
Cattle and calves, corn for grain, wheat, hay, silage, field/grass seeds, hogs, millet, sugar beets
5. **Kit Carson** 206
Cattle and calves, corn for grain, wheat, all other grains, rye, dry beans, hay, silage, field/grass seeds, sunflowers
6. **Prowers** 183
Cattle and calves, barley, hay, silage, field/ grass seeds, wheat, corn for grain, vegetables, sorghum
7. **Otero** 106
Cattle and calves, corn for grain, oats, hay, silage, field/grass seeds, dairy products, sorghum
8. **Larimer** 101
Cattle and calves, dairy products, dry beans, nursery and greenhouse crops, vegetables, hay, silage, field/grass seeds, sugar beets, wheat
9. **Adams** 99
Cattle and calves, corn for grain, hay, wheat, sunflowers, millet
10. **Alamosa** 94
Cattle and calves, wheat, barley, hay, potatoes



When people think of  Colorado, outdoor fun in the Rocky Mountains is what usually comes to mind. Think again. Nearly half of Colorado's 66 million acres are farms and ranches, and Colorado agribusinesses contribute about \$16 billion to Colorado's economy.



Hungry for a juicy steak? Colorado has plenty. With more than 12,000 beef producers, the cattle industry is the largest ag sector in the state, bringing in \$3.2 billion in cash receipts.

Love a baked potato with your steak or french fries with your leg of lamb? Ranked fifth nationally in production of potatoes, Colorado produces over 2 billion pounds of potatoes annually.



Having veggies or salad for dinner? Colorado ranks sixth in onion and sweet corn production and is one of the nation's top lettuce producers.



Need something to quench your thirst? Annual production of seven million bushels of barley helps make Colorado the top beer producing state in the nation. The state is also home to 65 licensed wineries. Cheers!

Colorado agriculture is more than just food. Farmers and ranchers help create products in construction, manufacturing, health care, education, transportation and personal care.

- ▲ X-ray film ▲ Bandages ▲ Crayons
- ▲ Paper ▲ Piano Keys ▲ Footballs
- ▲ Shoes ▲ Plastics ▲ Tires
- ▲ Soaps ▲ Insulation ▲ Perfume

Agriculture also helps feed the nation and the world, provides wildlife habitat, protects the environment and fuels the state economy.



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